

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

June 2010

Police ask residents to take precautions

Bellevue residents may feel perfectly safe in their neighborhoods, but police suggest that you always remain alert when out jogging or walking. Detective Richard Chinn recommends the following simple precautions:

- ✓ Walk with a friend or two;
- ✓ Carry a personal alarm;
- ✓ Do not talk on a cellular phone or wear headphones(you do not want to look like you are not paying attention);
- ✓ Avoid the hidden trail and walk in a more populated area;
- ✓ If you do walk alone, ask yourself two questions: “If I yell will someone hear me?” and “If I wave my hands will someone see me?” If the answer is “no” to one or both, Det. Chinn suggests you think about another route.

Regionally, incidents involving Craig’s List and stun gun attacks have prompted Police to remind residents of safety measures. Det. Chinn warns against meeting Craig’s List “buyers” in your home, where they may be watching for valuable items and/or security weaknesses. He suggests checking out the precautions at <http://www.craigslist.org/about/safety>.

Det. Chinn is available for personal safety talks in your neighborhood. If interested give him a call at 425-452-6915 or e-mail rchinn@bellevuewa.gov.

Help this neighborhood feed people and pooches

Forest Ridge Estates neighbors are sponsoring a Neighbor Link food drive for people and pets on Saturday, June 26 – and they could really use some help. The event will help local food banks restock inventories that fall dangerously low during the summer months.



All residents – especially those who live in neighborhoods along Forest Drive – are invited to drop off people food and/or pet food at the collection site from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on June 26. The collection station will be near 148th Ave SE and Forest Drive and clearly marked the day of the event. Synneva Wang, project organizer, is seeking volunteers to help to spread the word about the event and to help staff the drop-off site. If you can help, or if your neighborhood would like to take part, contact Synneva at bellevue_mom@hotmail.com. Community service hours are available to students.



And help this one raise food for people in need

Plants are sprouting at the new community P-Patch at Holy Cross Church in Factoria. A large plot is being tended by a group of Newport area neighbors and the produce will be donated to World Impact Food Bank. If you live in the Newport/Factoria vicinity, and you’d like to learn more about gardening while lending a hand at the P-Patch, contact Neighbor Link project organizer, Robin Bentley at piperdawn97@hotmail.com. Apartment dwellers and students are encouraged to join in.

To get your own Neighbor Link Project started and receive your Party-in-a-Box, sponsored by Chipotle, contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.



Opening celebration set for Bellwether 2010: Art Walk Bellevue



You and your neighbors can be the first to see this year's sculpture exhibition. Meet the artists and Walk the Art Walk! Come to the free event opening *Bellwether 2010*: Bellevue City Hall Concourse, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, June 26. For more information, contact Mary Pat Byrne at 425-452-4105, or mpbyrne@bellevuewa.gov.

Bellevue Braids discussion on tap

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is joining the City of Bellevue, the Bellevue Downtown Association and the contractor, Guy F. Atkinson Construction, LLC, to host an open house on the Bellevue Braids project. Scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, in the lobby of Bellevue City Hall, the event will include displays and project staff who can answer questions from attendees.

Construction on Bellevue Braids began in early 2010 and is scheduled to wrap up in 2012. The project is designed to improve safety and relieve congestion on Interstate 405, from NE 8th Street to SR 520, by building new northbound multi-level braided ramps to separate vehicles entering and exiting the freeway. For more information, visit the project web site at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/ne8thtosr520/.

I-90 Bellevue Way ramp closed for weekend in June

The state is advising drivers that the off-ramps from both directions of I-90 to Bellevue Way will be closed from 11 p.m., Friday, June 4, to 5 a.m., Monday, June 7. Drivers who need to access Bellevue Way from I-90 will be detoured on northbound I-405 to SE 8th Street. The I-90 on-ramps from Bellevue Way will remain open. During the closure crews will repave the worn and rutted asphalt at this busy interchange. The work is weather dependent and could be postponed if it rains.

June meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the city web pages listed below to download agendas.)

6/1 Arts Commission (4:00, 1E-109) Arts Program and Public Art Program budget proposals http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

6/1 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) Bellevue Census/Demographics report, Northwest Tree Experts Home Occupation Permit
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

6/3 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-112) Brief overview of Budget One process, review executive summary of budget proposals
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm

6/3 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30 a.m., 1E-112) Civic Engagement presentation by Nancy Amidei, University of Washington School of Social Work, committee reports, staff report
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

6/7 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) I-405 Implementation Strategy, Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use recommendation, feasibility study for Wilburton Connections Local Improvement District (LID) (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Proclaiming World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Proclaiming Mountains to Sound Greenway, consent calendar
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

LIGHT RAIL MEETINGS ON TAP for JUNE

The City and Sound Transit will host a series of drop-in events and 6:30 p.m. community workshops in coming weeks to discuss the transit agency's preferred alignment for light rail between I-90 and Downtown.

Please see attached flyer for details.

6/8 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Full review of Human Services applications under Goal Areas #1 and #2 http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

6/8 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

6/9 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program update – continue review of working draft http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

6/10 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

6/14 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Budget discussion, Utilities emergency management, Electrical Charging Stations Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) consistency LUCA, additional discussion of International Building and Fire Codes http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

6/15 Human Services Commission (6:00, 1E-120) Full review of Human Services applications under Goal Areas #3, #4, and #5 http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

6/15 Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Workshop for Factoria (7:00, Puesta Del Sol Elementary School Library, 3810 132nd Ave SE) Opportunity to review and comment on projects proposed for NEP funding <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/factoria.htm>

6/21 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Surface Transportation Master Plan (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent calendar, action on International Building and Fire Codes http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

6/23 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Study session regarding Camp & Conference Center Land Use Code amendments, Enatai tree update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

6/24 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

6/28 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Regional issues http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

BIKE SAFETY FAIR

Sunday June 13, Noon-3 p.m.
Newport Heights Elementary

- Bike Safety Tips
- Obstacle course Challenge
- Bike Tune-ups
- Kids ID Cards
- Free bike helmets fitted by Police Officers

For more information:
Bruce 425-653-1089

Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, call 452-6836.